

The OCVA serves as a clearinghouse for up-to-date information on services, legislation and research relevant to crime victims, including information on:

Prevention/Education Programs

Treatment Services

Statistics

Criminal Justice System

Crime Victims Compensation

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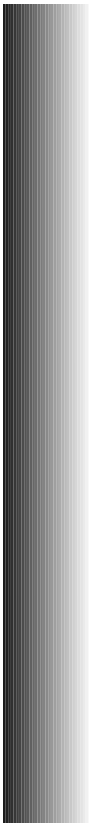
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What is OCVA and what does it do?

OCVA serves as a voice within state government for the needs of crime victims in Washington State. Established in 1990, OCVA serves the state on many levels by:

Advocating on behalf of crime victims in obtaining needed services and resources;

Administering grant funds for community programs working with crime victims;

Assisting communities in planning and implementing services for crime victims; and

Advising local and state government agencies of practices, policies, and priorities which impact crime victims.

OCVA's philosophy is that it is in the best interest of all citizens of Washington State that victims of crime are provided the opportunities and resources necessary to recover and return to being productive, contributing members of the community. It is essential that state government support the development and availability of needed resources and opportunities for crime victims.

"It is the mission of the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to identify the opportunities and resources victims need in order to recover and to facilitate the availability of those resources and opportunities in communities statewide."

OCVA assists crime victims in accessing needed services and resources; serves as an ombudsman for crime victims who are dissatisfied with the response they received in the aftermath of a crime; and provides individual case consultation to service providers and victim advocates regarding clients.

OCVA administers grant funds in many communities throughout Washington. Grant funds are provided by the Legislature to coordinate and enhance services designed to benefit crime victims. OCVA grant funds support community programs throughout the state addressing:

Court-Appointed Special Advocate

Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy

Sexual Assault Treatment & Prevention

Violence Against Women

Youth Violence Prevention

In its role as an advocate for victims of crime, OCVA provides leadership on several levels:

Developing and recommending programs and policies to improve the quality and accessibility of services for victims.

Providing technical support and consultation to service providers relative to improved management and service delivery.

Facilitating the planning and provision of training for service providers in social service, criminal justice, medical and education systems.

Increasing public awareness of crime victims' needs and concerns in Washington State.

Facilitating the development of service delivery standards by working in concert with providers to assure quality and availability.



Background

Advocacy

Leadership



Grant Administration & Areas of Expertise



Policy Development

Technical Assistance

Training



Community Education

Service Standards

